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TO AMEMBASSY SEOUL IMMEDIATE

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TAGS: PGOV, KS, US

SUBJECT: TONGSUN PARK ARRANGEMENTS: ETHICS COMMITTEE  
ACCESS

REF: STATE 011009

1. IN RESPONSE TO OUR EFFORTS TO STIMULATE A DIRECT  
MEETING HERE BETWEEN HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE DEPUTY COUNSEL  
PETER WHITE AND ROK AMBASSADOR KIM, KIM DECIDED THAT HE  
NEEDED TO CONSULT SEOUL MONDAY PRIOR TO PROCEEDING, BUT  
HE REPORTEDLY HAS SOLIDLY RECOMMENDED THAT HE BE AUTHORIZED  
TO PROCEED WITH THE WHITE MEETING. THE ROK EMBASSY HAS  
NOT YET RECEIVED A RESPONSE AS OF TUESDAY, BUT HOPEFULLY  
WILL RECEIVE THE GO AHEAD BY WEDNESDAY A.M. HERE.

2. MEANWHILE, WHITE HAS DEMONSTRATED AN APPRECIATION  
THAT UNBRIDLED HOSTILE ATTACKS ON THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT

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ARE NOT THE BEST WAY TO NURTURE COOPERATION. WHITE HAS  
STATED TO US THAT HE BELIEVES THE TWO ETHICS COMMITTEES,  
IN THE INTEREST OF EFFECTIVELY GAINING DIRECT ACCESS TO  
PARK AND CARRYING OUT THEIR INVESTIGATIVE MANDATE, WOULD  
BE WILLING TO PERSUADE FRASER NOT TO SUBPOENA PARK WHILE  
HERE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ETHICS COMMITTEE TESTIMONY.  
TODAY, WHITE FURTHER INFORMED US THAT HE HAS CONTACTED

TIP O'NEILL TO ENLIST HIS SUPPORT TO RESTRAIN FRASER, IF NECESSARY, AND THAT O'NEILL IS PREPARED TO ASSIST IF THE KOREANS WILL COOPERATE. THIS APPEARS TO US TO OFFER AN IMPORTANT KEY TO UNLOCK THIS SITUATION AND ONE WHICH THE ROKG WOULD BE UNWISE TO IGNORE. HOWEVER, WE ARE SEEKING TO HAVE THE ETHICS COMMITTEE CONVEY THIS OPTION DIRECTLY TO AMBASSADOR KIM, SINCE IT IS A PROPOSAL ON WHICH WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO BECOME THE BROKER.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION, SPEAKER O'NEILL HAS INDICATED AN INTEREST IN TALKING TO AMBASSADOR KIM BEFORE THE LATTER RETURNS TO SEOUL. SINCE KIM HAS SOUGHT UNSUCCESSFULLY RECENTLY TO CALL ON O'NEILL, WE ANTICIPATE THAT A MEETING WILL BE EASY TO ARRANGE AND MAY TAKE PLACE WEDNESDAY.

4. THROUGHOUT, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO AVOID THE NUANCE OF "NEGOTIATING" DIRECTLY WITH THE ROKG ON BEHALF OF THE CONGRESS, SINCE A MORE SUBTLE AND INDIRECT APPROACH APPEARS TO OFFER A BETTER PROSPECT FOR SUCCESS. FURTHERMORE, WE DO NOT HAVE A CLEAR MANDATE ON TERMS AND CONDITION FROM EITHER ETHICS COMMITTEE AT THIS STAGE WHICH WOULD ENABLE A REALISTIC "NEGOTIATION" TO TAKE PLACE.

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FOR DR. BRZEZINSKI

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